

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation into the Gas Market Activities of Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas and Electric, Southwest Gas, Pacific Gas and Electric, and Southern California Edison and their impact on the Gas Price Spikes experienced at the California Border from March 2000 through May 2001.

Investigation 02-11-040  
(Filed November 21, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING FINAL ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

On August 13, 2004, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a timely request for Final Oral Argument before the Commission in Phase I.A of this proceeding. This ruling grants that request as required by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(d) and Rule 8(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**Date and Location**

Final Oral Argument before the Commission has been set for Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

**Time Allocation and Procedures**

Opportunity to present oral argument is available to the parties listed below who actively participated in the proceeding. Parties who do not wish to do so need not participate. SoCalGas and SDG&E will open and close. Time and order of presentation are as follows:

- Convening time (5 minutes)
- SoCalGas and SDG&E (opening, 30 minutes)
- Southern California Edison Company (30 minutes)
- Office of Ratepayer Advocates (10 minutes)
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (10 minutes)
- SoCalGas and SDG&E (closing, 10 minutes)

The parties' time allocations include any time that may be necessary for responding to Commissioners' questions during their presentations. If they wish to do so, Commissioners may also ask questions when all parties have concluded their presentations.

Parties desiring expedited transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter by telephone at (415) 703-2288 no later than three days prior to the scheduled argument.

### **Handouts and Briefing Boards**

Parties may distribute handouts or use briefing boards<sup>1</sup> at the oral argument consistent with the following:

Parties must distribute copies of all handouts and reduced copies of any briefing boards they plan to use to the other parties and the assigned ALJ no later than 5:00 p.m., one business day before the oral argument (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on November 29th);

Parties must provide copies of handouts and briefing boards sufficient for the Commission and others attending the oral argument;

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<sup>1</sup> The time limitations prevent the convenient use of overhead projectors by the parties.

Handouts and reduced copies of briefing boards must include citations to record evidence clearly supporting any factual assertions, and all pages and points should be numbered for ease of reference; and

Handouts and briefing boards will not be received as exhibits.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The Commission will hold Final Oral Argument on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
2. Parties shall adhere to the time allocations, procedures and guidelines set forth above.

Dated November 19, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CHARLOTTE F. TERKEURST  
Charlotte F. TerKeurst  
Administrative Law Judge

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Final Oral Argument Before the Commission on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 19, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS  
Elizabeth Lewis

## N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

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